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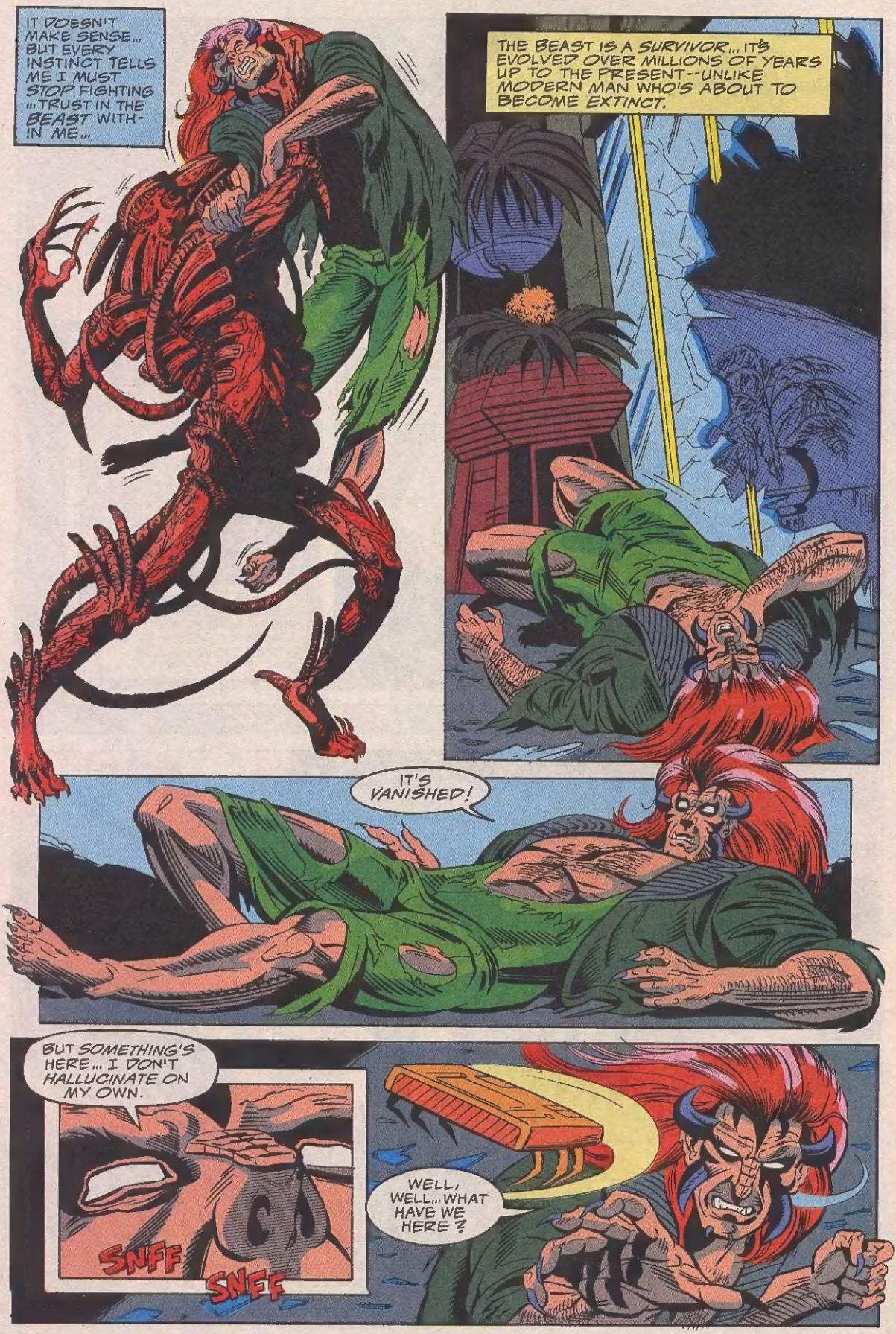
WHAT THE SHOCK IS THIS? FIRST IT'S MY BROTHER --NOW IT'S A BUG-EYED MONSTER!
BUT MY FIRST CONCERN ISN'T WHAT IT IS...
OOOF!
...BUT HOW DO I STAY ALIVE?

OR, EVEN BETTER, HOW DO I KILL IT?
AAAGGH!
AAAGGH!
NNNNNNN!
IT'S SO FAST... IT INTERCEPTS MY EVERY MOVE.
NNNNNNN!

BUT I'M NOT POOR JOHN-CLAUDE -- MY WOUNDS HEAL ALMOST INSTANTLY.
YOU AIN'T THE ONLY MONSTER IN THIS ROOM!
I'LL MATCH YOU CLAW FOR CLAW!
OH, SHOCK! IT'S NOT HAVING ANY EFFECT!

BUT IF IT WASN'T REALLY MY BROTHER, MAYBE IT ISN'T AN ALIEN EITHER...
...MAYBE IT ISN'T THERE AT ALL!
IT'S BLEEDING ...SO OKAY... IT'S NOT A HOLOGRAM...
I HEAL FAST-- SO I'LL TRADE IT BLOW FOR BLOW.
KR-KRASH!
SOMETHING DEEP WITHIN ME TELLS ME THIS ISN'T RIGHT...

BUT I'M NOT USED TO THIS NEW BEAST BODY OF MINE --SO I CAN'T WORK OUT WHAT IT IS...
THIS IS TOO WEIRD... THERE'S SOMETHING TOTALLY WRONG ABOUT THIS CREATURE...
YET ITS MOVEMENTS ARE TOTALLY FAMILIAR TO ME...
IT'S AS THOUGH IT'S A SPECIAL EFFECTS MONSTER IN A MOVIE ...AND, IN SOME STRANGE WAY, I'M THE DIRECTOR.
I CAN SMELL ITS FETID BREATH... FEEL ITS HOT SLAVER... ITS SHARP TEETH ARE ABOUT TO RIP MY THROAT...
BUT I FEEL ALL THE AGGRESSION DRAINING FROM ME...LIKE A DOG THAT BARES ITS THROAT WHEN IT SURRENDERS...


IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE... BUT EVERY INSTINCT TELLS ME I MUST *STOP* FIGHTING ...TRUST IN THE *BEAST* WITHIN ME...
THE BEAST IS A *SURVIVOR*... IT'S EVOLVED OVER MILLIONS OF YEARS UP TO THE PRESENT--UNLIKE MODERN MAN WHO'S ABOUT TO BECOME EXTINCT.
IT'S VANISHED!
BUT *SOMETHING'S* HERE... I DON'T *HALLUCINATE* ON MY OWN.
SNFF
SNFF
WELL, WELL... WHAT HAVE WE HERE?

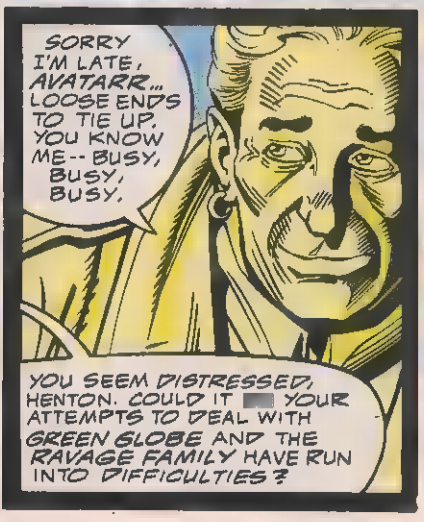
NO, PAUL-PHILIP-- NO! DON'T HURT ME!
CUTE TRICK... TURN-ING INTO TIANA...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN...? OF COURSE I'M TIANA... PLEASE... I'LL DO ANY-THING...
GOTCHA!
NOW I UNDERSTAND... THIS THING WORKS ON MY BRAIN... I'VE BEEN FIGHTING MY-SELF.
WELL, THIS KILLER CHIP'S TRICKS MIGHT HAVE WORKED WITH PAUL-PHILIP...
BZZT!
...BUT IT DOESN'T HAVE A CHANCE AGAINST RAVAGE!
WHUMP!

IT WAS SO CONVINCING... WHEN I BELIEVED I WAS CUT, WOUNDS ACTUALLY APPEARED...
WHEN I THOUGHT IT WAS SLAMMING ME AROUND THE ROOM, I MUST HAVE BEEN LEAPING...
THAT'S HOW IT KILLS... SOME KIND OF STIGMATA EFFECT.
THAT'S HOW IT KILLED POOR JOHN-CLAUDE.
THAT WAS NO WAY TO DIE, BROTHER.
I SWEAR I'LL FIND WHO DID THIS TO YOU.
IS JOHN-CLAUDE IN, STEPHANS? MY FATHER AND I WISH TO SEE HIM.
YES, MISS MIRANDA... BUT SOMETHING WEIRD'S GOING ON IN THERE... SOUNDS LIKE HE'S HAD A FIGHT WITH MR. PAUL-PHILIP!
IT'S DAD AND SIS! AND THESE BLASTED CLAWS HAVEN'T COMPLETELY RETRACTED YET...

PAUL-PHILIP!
WHAT HAPPENED...? WHO DID THIS...?
ER...
JOHN-CLAUDE! HE-- HE'S DEAD!
HE DID IT! LOOK AT THE STATE OF HIM -- HE'S RESPONSIBLE!
NO... IT WAS A TENTACLED SPACE MONSTER... ALTHOUGH IT LOOKED LIKE JOHN-CLAUDE AT FIRST...
...BUT IT HAD ALREADY KILLED HIM AND STUFFED HIM IN THE GARBAGE CHUTE!
OKAY, SO WHERE'S THIS 'MONSTER' NOW, PAUL-PHILIP?
ER-- HERE...
YEAH, SURE, BROTHER, SURE... JUST TAKE IT EASY, OKAY?

ARCHEMAX

SO... KING... STONE... WHO ELSE ARE WE WAITING FOR...?
AH, YES... OF COURSE... HENTON.


SORRY I'M LATE, AVATARR... LOOSE ENDS TO TIE UP. YOU KNOW ME -- BUSY, BUSY, BUSY.
YOU SEEM DISTRESSED, HENTON. COULD IT [redacted] YOUR ATTEMPTS TO DEAL WITH GREEN GLOBE AND THE RAVAGE FAMILY HAVE RUN INTO DIFFICULTIES?

I'D HAVE THOUGHT MY SENSOID WOULD HAVE TAKEN CARE OF ALL THAT.
WELL, IT DIDN'T!
ANY-THING DARRYL KING... SORRY-- "FEARMASTER"... TOUCHES TURNS TO CRUD...
GENTLE-MEN... WE ARE HERE TO DISCUSS YOUR PER-FORMANCE...

IT SEEMS WE ARE PLAGUED WITH AN OUTBREAK OF THE SUPER HERO DISEASE...
PUNISHER... SPIDER-MAN... RAVAGE... DOOM... AND A DISTURBING HOST OF NEWCOMERS...
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BULLPEN BULLETINS

STAN'S SOAPBOX

This is one Soapbox I couldn't wait to write! I just have to tell you something I learned about the power of Spidey. No, I'm not talking about his strength or his web-swinging — I'm talking about an even greater power — a power that crosses countries, continents, and oceans! If you haven't yet guessed it, I'm talking about your friendly neighborhood wall-crawler's *fame!*

It all happened just a few days ago while I was on a trip to Tokyo with Marvel's peerless president, Merry **Terry Stewart.** We had gone there to start a new Japanese publishing venture in partnership with the world-famous Shogakukan Production Company.

Now, before going any further, you've got to get this picture. Spider-Man is not published in Japan. There are no Spider-Man comic books, no Spidey cartoons, no Spidey toys or games in the Land of the Rising Sun. Nothing! Nada! Zilch! I can almost hear you asking, "So what's the big deal?" Well, *this* is it, O Impatient one —

A survey taken in Tokyo revealed that *more than 70%* of the Japanese population actually *know* our wall-crawling wonder! It seems that Spidey's fame has managed to leap-frog clear across the Pacific Ocean! You know how it is — Japanese visitors buy our mags in the U.S. and talk about them enthusiastically when they return home. Before you know it, the word spreads like wildfire! In fact, we dressed an actor in a Spider-Man costume and walked through the Tokyo streets with him, just as a gag, to see what would happen. The Japanese people went wild, laughing and cheering as if they'd known him all their lives! It made us realize how truly small the world is becoming and how quickly fame can spread!

Of course, the upshot of the whole thing is that Spidey and many of our other Marvel super heroes will soon be published in Japan where it's expected that they'll be as big a hit as they are elsewhere around the world. But they won't be hitting those far distant shores as strangers. No way! Instead, thanks to Spidey's amazing fame, they'll be greeted like old friends who just happen to have been away too long!

Excelsior!

Stan

Stan Lee

This summer, there are more comics out than ever before. In fact, the last time we saw this many comics in one place, Bob Hope was putting on a USO show! There are so many new universes starting up, the Watchers are putting in for overtime.

If you're like us, you're probably buying lots of comics this summer ... and possibly even *reading* some of them! But there have got to be other things to do with comics besides just reading and collecting them. That's the puzzle that's been burning in our brains lately. For the answer, we decided to go right to the experts; and who knows more about comics than comic book characters?

Here now present the views of our own super heroes on this mega-challenging question: *what do you do with your comics, besides reading and collecting them?*

The **Hulk** said, "I used to like to smash them, but I regret that now. If I hadn't smashed my old comic collection, I'd be a rich man today!"

Super-model **Mary Jane Watson-Parker** said, "You asked the right gal, pal! I wrap 'em in tin foil, and use 'em to reflect the sun on my bodacious bod while I'm tanning on the roof!"

The **Human Torch** said, "I like to sell 'em for huge profit! Every comic in my collection is a 'hot' issue!"

Gambit, of the X-Men said, "I like to charge 'zem up, 'zen pass 'zem on to Wolverine! He gets a big bang out of 'zem!"

Daredevil's arch-foe, **Bullseye** said, "I like to fold my comics into deadly weapons, then kill people with them! Hey, in my hands, anything is a weapon!"

of the Inhumans said, "I like to roll them up and use them to discipline my dog, Lockjaw, with them! Sometimes I do the same thing to my husband, Black Bolt!"

The said, "I eat them! They make a great between meal snack! Some may find it odd that I paper, but I'm a mutant, and I'll eat anything! How do you think I got this fat?"

The **Thing** said, "I 'em light my great big stinky cigars, just like Tom DeFalco does!"

The **Destroyer** from the Infinity Watch said, "Me use comical books to learn how to count up to 2099! Let's ... that's one ... two ... 2099!"

THE BULL'S EYE by Rick Parker

The **Kingpin** said, "I don't have any comic books, but if I did, I'd sell them to get money for food! I'm a little down on my luck right now. All I need is some spare change ..."

The **Punisher** said, "I hang them from a tree and use them for target practice. I particularly like shooting at mutant books!"

Captain America said, "I like to give them to the orphans down at the hospital!"

John Blaze said, "I like to roll them up and stick them between the spokes of my bike! They make a really cool sound when I'm chasing down some demon or weirdo!

Conan the Barbarian said, "I cover my body with them and use them for a blanket! Crom, but those nights in Cimmeria can chill a warrior's bones!"

Finally, we have **May,** who said, "What do you think I do with them? I'm an old lady! I throw them away, of course!"

Thanks, Aunt May! It's nice to know that some things change!

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- **FLIGHT INFINITY** crossover!
- The Hulk stomps in!
- **#16 MARVEL MILESTONE:** Reprinting the classic line-up change!
- **BARBIE #34:** A fortune teller reveals Barbie 2099!
- **DARKHOLD #13:** Enter the Missing (No, not the guy from he Mod Squad!)
- **GHOST RIDER #42:** Shot down in a Blaze of glory!
- **GROO TPB: FESTIVAL:** The festivities just beginning!
- **THE GALAXY** Meet the 31st century Thor!
- **#2:** You could get a papercut by shaving with the Razorline!
- **OF SPIDER-MAN #2 4:** Take a number to Spidey!
- **HEROES SPECIAL #15:** Thor in *drag?* WA-HOOO!
- **REVISITED Of 5:** Who the heck is Helleyes?
- **THRASHER #3:** Melee in Madripoor!
- **PSYCHONAUTS OF** And the *Anachronauts* still don't have their own series!
- **WAR** Frank down 'Nam's and numbers!
- The Squadron guest stars!
- **#11:** Ravage's family!
- **SABRETOOTH OF 4:** Sabe learns that he is a *daddy!*
- **OF #214:** It's sword-swingin' excitement!
- **SECRET** It's the end of the world know (and I feel fine)!
- **SILVER SABLE #17:** INFINITY CRUSADE crossover!
- It's a nightmare when Sleepy turns *evil!*
- **WILD THING #7:** We have to hype new Bryan Hitch! (Okay, we're Hitch-hyping!)
- **#74:** Saga of the sentient
- **WONDER** Wonder Man goes to Asgard!
- **X-FACTOR** Pick up issue at Random!
- The fate of Archangel!
- **X-MEN ANNUAL** Introducing Empyrean!

UNFORTUNATELY, THESE CHARACTERS ARE GAINING IN POPULARITY WITH THE GREAT UNWASHED PUBLIC.
THEY PROVIDE A POTENTIAL ROLE MODEL FOR DISOBEDIENCE-- EVEN REBELLION.
TYLER STONE... I HOLD YOU PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EXISTENCE AND MISBEHAVIOR OF SPIDER-MAN!
BUT, I...
SILENCE!
DARRYL KING... YOUR ATTEMPTS THROUGH THE CYBER-NOSTRA AND THE PUBLIC EYE TO ELIMINATE THE PUNISHER HAVE BEEN LAUGHABLE.
YOU'RE QUITE RIGHT, AVATARR. AND I FULLY INTEND--
SILENCE!
IF I CAN EXPLAIN ABOUT THE RAVAGE SITUATION, AVATARR...
ANDERTHORP, THERE'S NO NEED... I'M NOT ANGRY WITH YOU...
WE'LL DISCUSS IT AFTER THE MAIN BUSINESS...

NOW YOU SEE WHY IT IS NECESSARY TO CREATE OUR OWN, MORE DOMESTICATED SUPER HERO ICONS FOR THE SHEEP-LIKE MASSES TO BELIEVE IN...
AND WHERE BETTER TO ENLIST THEM THAN FROM THE PATHETIC CHURCH OF THOR... "THE PEOPLE'S CHURCH." HA HA!
ABOUT THAT, AVATARR... SUITABLE CANDIDATES HAVE BEEN FOUND FOR GENETIC ENHANCEMENT... INCLUDING A POSSIBLE HELA.
SO VALHALLA WILL BE SUITABLY POPULATED WITH CREDIBLE SUPER PEOPLE. LET'S HAVE A LOOK AT HOW WORK IS PROGRESSING...
...CAN'T HAVE 'GODS' FLYING AROUND THE PLACE WITHOUT A NICE BIG HEAVEN FOR THEM TO LIVE IN... NO MATTER WHAT THE COST TO JOSE PUBLIC.

OKAY, PAUL-PHILIP... I BUY YOUR STORY... THE FORENSIC EVIDENCE BACKS IT UP...
SYNTHIA
ALTHOUGH I STILL FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE THAT A MICROCHIP COULD KILL JOHN-CLAUDE!
WE CERTAINLY DON'T HAVE THAT KIND OF TECHNOLOGY.
THE ANSWER TO THAT AND A WHOLE LOT MORE COULD BE ON THIS ALCHEMAX SECURITY DISC.
DON'T WORRY, DAD... WE'LL GET TO THE BOTTOM OF IT. WHO-EVER KILLED JOHN-CLAUDE WILL PAY.
THANKS, PAUL-PHILIP...
...IT'S GOOD TO HAVE YOU HOME.
IT'S GOOD TO BE BACK, DAD... NOTHING SEEMS TO HAVE CHANGED... THE HIGH-RISE FARM... THE MANSION... IT'S JUST LIKE THE DAY I LEFT...
YEP... BUT WE'RE RAISING A THOUSAND HEAD OF CATTLE UP THERE NOW.

I ONLY WISH THE FAMILY REUNION HAD BEEN UNDER HAPPIER CIRCUM-STANCES.
HAH! THIS FROM THE MAN WHO DIVORCED HIS OWN FATHER AT FIFTEEN YEARS OF AGE.
HOLD YOUR TONGUE, MIRANDA... PAUL-PHILIP FELT HE HAD GOOD REASON... I WAS A DIFFERENT MAN IN THOSE DAYS...
I LACKED PATIENCE AND UNDER-STANDING...
I WAS YOUNG, TOO... AND WE HAD DEEP IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES ABOUT ECOLOGICAL ISSUES.
OH, REALLY...?
THAT'S FUNNY, BECAUSE ALL I REMEMBER WAS A LOT OF YELLING ABOUT UNTIDY BEDROOMS AND WHAT TIME YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO COME HOME.
AND WE HAD TO FACE THE HUMILIATION WHEN YOU TOOK DAD TO COURT.
LOOK, MIRANDA-- THIS ISN'T THE 20TH CENTURY...
CHILDREN HAVE LEGAL RIGHTS OVER THEIR PARENTS THESE DAYS... MINIMUM ENTERTAINMENT ALLOWANCE... GUARANTEED QUALITY HOURS... AND COURTEOUS BEHAVIOR TO PEER GROUP COMPANIONS.

HELLO, GAIA...
...I'M AFRAID YOUR MASTER'S NOT COMING HOME TONIGHT.
WHINE! WHIMPER!
PAUL-PHILIP... I'VE BEEN THINKING... ABOUT EVERYTHING YOU'VE TOLD ME... AND I'VE COME TO A DECISION...
DAD...?
I REALIZE THIS HAS BEEN YOUR FIGHT FOR SOME TIME... ALCHEMAX FRAMED YOU...
WHICH MEANS I'M ACTUALLY A FUGITIVE.
SURE... BUT I THINK WE CAN GET THOSE CHARGES DROPPED AND GIVE YOU THE CHANCE TO HIT BACK... LEGALLY...
...SON, I'M MAKING YOU THE NEW HEAD OF GREEN GLOBE!

BEFORE YOU DISCONNECT YOUR HOLO-LINKS, GENTLEMEN...
YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED "FEAR-MASTER" KING IS HERE IN THE FLESH...
I SPECIFICALLY ASKED HIM TO BE...
YOU SEE, A PRICE MUST BE PAID FOR HIS INCOMPETENCE... DON'T YOU AGREE, HENTON?
OH, ABSOLUTELY, SIR!
NOW LOOK... I'M NOT EXACTLY DEFENSELESS, AVATARR... AS YOU CAN SEE...
NEITHER AM I, DARRYL...
IT'S A MISTAKE TO CROSS SWORDS WITH ME...
YOUR HAND IS NO MATCH FOR...

...MY POWERS!
YOU DARE RAISE YOUR HAND AGAINST ME--I SHALL CRUSH IT!
AAAGHH!

DON'T WORRY... I'VE ARRANGED FOR OUR STAR FRIENDS TO GIVE YOU A NEW HAND-- A BETTER ONE...
AND I'M EXTENDING YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES... I'M MAKING YOU THE NEW HEAD OF ECO.
BUT SIR... I'M THE HEAD OF ECO.
NO, HENTON... I'M PROMOTING YOU, TOO...
WALK OVER TO YOUR WINDOW... THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT YOU TO SEE...
THERE'S A MAN ON A HOVER PLATFORM.
ALCHEMAX
"YES--I WANT YOU TO WAVE TO HIM.

"SO HE KNOWS IT'S YOU."
BUT, SIR... HE SEEMS TO HAVE A GU--
AAAHHH!
"GOODBYE, ANDERTHORP... I'M PROMOTING YOU TO OBLIVION.
NOW... ANY QUESTIONS BEFORE WE WRAP THIS MEETING UP?
NEXT: MAN OR BEAST?

RANTS & RAVES

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Out Of My Head

THE RULES...(continued from THE PUNISHER 2099 # 8):

4) No more sequels. Whatever you have to say about a set of characters or a particular facet of the human condition should be said in one book, or why bother writing?

5) No more trilogies. See Rule 4. Let Professor Tolkien rest.

6) If you're considering buying an sf or horror novel approaching or exceeding 500 pages, at least consider investing the time in Dostoyevsky instead.

7) There is no rule 7...yet.

Dear *Rants and Raves*,

Ravage is so cool! I've read all eight issues and #8 is definitely #1! I read it three times! I've also heard about the crossover and I have a few questions:

1) Who will they be fighting?

2) Will it include the Hulk 2099 (who doesn't have his own book but I think he should) and X-MEN 2099?

3) When will the crossover start?

Until Ravage uses his powers to knock down buildings for construction companies, make mine Marvel.

Glenn Sparico
(address withheld by request)

1) For now let's just say that it'll be an all-new group of super powered villains.

2) The Hulk, maybe. The X-Men, definitely!

3) In SPIDER-MAN 2099 #16 out in December.

Dear Joey and Matt,

You've done it yet again. You've surprised me. I was somewhat skeptical about Stan Lee leaving RAVAGE 2099 so soon after its premiere, but Pat Mills and Tony Skinner's script reads just as smooth as those from the capable hands of Stan. Although I'll surely miss ol' Stan, knowing that RAVAGE 2099 has been left in the creative hands of Mills and Skinner, I'm sure the next issues will be just as intriguing as the first eight. My hat's off to these courageous and talented people!

Ravage's newfound powers never cease to amaze me. This issue was no exception since it offered new insights into them. Ravage feels some sort of wild animal inside him and has become aware of things no normal human could ever see, hear or smell. But, I hope you won't turn him into a future version of Wolverine. So far his powers are rather acceptable, but when Ravage starts growing adamantium claws and long sideburns, I'm outta here!

Nice art, by the way. It even had me fooled for about seven pages before I noticed this wasn't Paul Ryan's work. Grant Miehm produced very good and solid artwork, but I hope Paul's absence was only temporary.

(Name and address withheld by request)

No sweat, Ravage won't be a Wolvie wannabe. We're not trying to "fool" anybody with Grant's work; it stands on its own. Paul's catching up on his FF work, so he won't be back soon.

Dear *Rants and Raves*,

I just finished reading the latest RAVAGE. It was good, but not good enough. I'm getting bored with Ravage getting caught by Alchemax flyboys all the time. What I want to see is Alchemax get busted, then Tiana and Dack live somewhere safe so Ravage can fight real razzle-dazzle super-villains.

I hear that all of the 2099 characters are going to meet, so that's a start. But I still say that I want real super-villains to fight Ravage.

Joshua Patten
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Suggestions noted, Josh! We've got a few in the works!

Dear *Rants and Raves*,

I'm a dedicated 2099 fan. I've just read through issue #8 and Ravage's powers seem to be under control— for now! I disagree with a recent letter stating that Ravage is a rip-off of PUNISHER 2099. Who ever wrote that obviously hasn't read RAVAGE #1-8.

1) Will the cyberspace Fantastic Four (from DOOM #5) be guest-starring?

2) When will we see 2099 annuals?

3) Could you tell me *exactly* how many 2099 books there are going to be?

Until Ravage revives Ursell and they become the Mutroid Duo, make mine Marvel!

Peter Bridges
(Address withheld by request)

1) Probably not.

2) 2099 UNLIMITED is the closest thing to it for the time being.

3) Hard to say. How many more do you want?

Dear *Rants and Raves*,

I've never written to a comic before but I'd like to say that Stan Lee leaving RAVAGE was sad. Why did he leave after #7? Why not 10, 11 or 100? Well, no matter. He has to do what he has to do. I have every issue so far and no matter what happens, I'll always stick with RAVAGE. Good luck to Pat Mills and Tony Skinner!

Joe Rolle
(Address withheld by request)

We too were sad to see Stan leave, Joe. But we're also very excited about the stuff that Pat, Tony and Grant have coming up.

Dear *Rants and Raves*,

Cool! Ravage is hot! All my compliments to RAVAGE 2099. The one thing that bothers me is Ravage's side effects from his new powers. I would like to see him control them better. But it's still way cool. Give him a new costume. Besides that, you have done a superb job on RAVAGE. Until Ravage shoots himself with his blasters, make mine Marvel.

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One new costume, coming up, Will! Let us know what you think of it, okay?

MORE OF MARVEL 2099

SPIDER-MAN 2099 #12 *You requested a closer look at Alchemax's Virtual Unreality Department...and boy, is Miguel sorry you asked! That's the way our story only* ***begins!***

DOOM 2099 #10 *Doom lost his memory, nearly his sanity, and on page one of "Breakdown," he takes it out on Wire. Wait'll you see who he takes it out on in the rest of the mag!*

THE PUNISHER 2099 #9 *This issue ends with Jake gallows totally out of control! (Oh, like he was the picture of health before this?)*

2099 UNLIMITED #2 ***Three*** *incredible sagas of the Marvel Universe to come...including the return of the Hulk 2099!*

And of course, **X-MEN 2099 #1!** *Moooh-hoooh-hah-hah-hah-hah-hah!!!*

NEXT ISSUE

The end of the Sensoids...the beginning of a whole new chapter in Paul-Philip's career...That's right, we said Paul-Philip! Plus, a new life for Tiana in "Nature of the Beast!"